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Dear Mr. Merrick:

Colonel White has turned over to me your letter of 17 October 1952. We have considered your statements carefully and have reviewed the memorandum to which you refer. This memorandum was a factual dispatch prepared in the regular performance of official duties by an official of this Agency to his immediate subordinate concerning official matters for which the writer was ultimately responsible and for which the addressee was immediately responsible. There can be no question of liability on the part of Colonel White, and any suit by you can only serve to publicize a document which heretofore has been retained in confidential files for the protection of your client. In the light of these circumstances, neither Colonel White nor this Agency will take any further action in this matter.

If you wish any further discussion, please feel free to call upon me directly.

Yours very truly,

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General Counsel

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